

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,  
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**  
**Committee Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2014**

A Committee of the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, February 7, 2014, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Steve Livingston, MFT, Vice-Chair  
Richard Long, MFT  
Jack Perryman, LPC  
Arthur Williams, LPC

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Tommy Black, LPC, Chair  
Ben Marion, CSW  
Tonya Barbee, CSW  
Robert King, CSW  
Will Bacon, MFT

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1  
Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist, HC 1  
Serena Gadson, Licensing Supervisor, HC 1

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:**

Tricia Downing, Esq., Senior A.A.G.

**GUEST ATTENDEES:**

Gale Macke, Executive Director, LPCA, Georgia Chapter  
Kenneth Jasnau, NASW, Georgia Chapter  
Jessica Hatcher, LPCA, Central District Rep.  
William Kennedy, LPCA, Eastern District Rep.  
David Lane, LPCA, Membership Chair  
Christopher Mason, Mercer University Student  
Belinda Lee, Mercer University Student  
Katy Kesler, Mercer University Student  
Trecialeen Young, Mercer University Student  
Kaley June Wilkes, Mercer University Student  
Kelly Berryhill, Mercer University Student

**Steve Livingston, Vice-Chair, established that a quorum of the Board was not present and called the meeting to order as a committee meeting at 9:02 a.m.**

**Agenda:**

The following late agenda items were added:

- Executive Director, Brig Zimmerman requested the committee consider tabling the rules discussion since a quorum of the Board was not present to participate in the discussion.
- Correspondences from A. Stafford and R. Duttlinger.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Long made a recommendation and Mr. Williams seconded, to approve the following meeting minutes as presented.

- January 10, 2014

### **Executive Director Report:**

- Executive Director, Brig Zimmerman recommended that once the Rules Committee produces a final draft of their proposed rule amendments to 135-5-.01 and .02, which are related specifically to the counseling profession, that the Professional Standards Committee of Counselors review the draft and that a majority of the PSCC committee approve the amendments proposed to the rules before making the recommendation to the full Board to adopt the amended rules.

### **Correspondence:**

- Kathryn Klock-Powell, South University – Specialists degree recognition criteria  
Response: O.C.G.A. §43-10A-11(a)(2)(B) states as a requirement for licensure, a specialist degree from a recognized educational institution in a program that is primarily counseling in content... In O.C.G.A. §43-10A-3(12) a “Recognized educational institution” is defined as “any education institution which grants a bachelor’s, master’s, specialist, or doctoral degree which is recognized by an accrediting body acceptable to the Board.
- Art Stafford – AAMFT approved supervisor question  
Response: The Board cannot make a determination based on the information provided.
- Ron Duttlinger – Petition for Release of Probationary Status and Petition for Release of Practice Restrictions.  
Response: Tabled for a quorum of the Board to discuss and vote on the petitions.

### **Petition for Variance/Waiver Requests:**

- Hill, Frances – CSW – 135-9-.01 Continuing Education Requirements  
Response: Tabled for a quorum of the Board to discuss and vote on the petition.

### **Rules Discussion:**

There is currently not a rule posted for consideration as the rules were tabled for further discussion during the January 10, 2014 Board meeting. A Rules Committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss the rules. A tentative Rules Committee conference call meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Correspondences in regards to the rules were posted for Board review from the following individuals: W. Alton, T. Alvord, F. Anders, A. Anderson, R. Arliss, R. Blankenship, D. Blanton, S. Brookings, J. Brothers, P. Brown, W. Buchanan, J. Calhoun, R. Carlson, W. Carswell, S. Charleston, J. Christopher, M. Comman, F. Dispenza, R. Dowie, R. Driggers, D. Durkee, S. Edu, C. Elrod, H. Esposito, C. Good, H. Harvey, M. Holstad, J. Hope, P. Johnson, W. Kennedy, J. Lewis, K. Littlefield, J. Lowden, Jr., M. Magley, S. Maguire & S. Moore, D. Markwell, M. Martz, M. Meadows, R. Mehaffey, A. Murrah, A. O’Dell, T. Parker, J. Payne, A. Peoples, B. Pereria, D. Price, C. Ramp, S. Riley, T. Robinson, N. Rybarczyk, A. Skinner, G. Smith-Cisse, L. Sonnichsen, L. Stevens, B. Stokes, T. Strickland, S. Sutherland, J. Tillery, J. Waring, T. Wennemann, C. Westbrook, J. Whisenhunt, R. Whisnant, and B. Youngblood.

### **Associations – Board Update:**

- Gayle Macke, LPCA Georgia Chapter
  1. An updated Provider Map has been completed. There are 7 districts with no providers.
  2. LPCA is working with LCSW on two pilot programs. Under the program, Grady Hospital has seen a 40% reduction in hospitalizations since adding a LPC position. Camden County has seen an 82% reduction in hospitalizations since adding a LPC position.
  3. This is a short legislative session. The diagnosing bill for the MFT's is receiving positive reception in the Capitol.
  4. LPCA, Georgia Chapter has approximately 3300 Professional Counselor members. An estimation of licensed non-members (deducting for out of state and retired licensees) is approximately 1100 of the 5300 licensed Professional Counselors.

An introduction of guests followed.

A tentative Board meeting was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 by conference call for the Board to review the recommendations of this Committee and to vote on the minutes, petitions, applications and applicant interviews.

**There being no further open session items for discussion, the open session portion of the Committee was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.**

**An Executive Session of the Committee was entered into by the Committee members to review and make recommendations on applications and to conduct applicant interviews.**

**Minutes recorded by:**

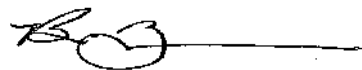
Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist, HC1

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1

**Tommy Black**

Tommy Black, LPC, Chair



Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC1

These minutes were approved on: March 7, 2014